

**Work Session Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2019**

A work session of the Hulmeville Borough Council was held on the above date at the Borough Hall, 321 Main Street.

Councilmembers Present: Thomas Wheeler, President, Dan Mandolesi Vice President, Mayor Mahon, Stanley Omietanski, Jr. Council Person, Doug Harris, Nick Lodise, Ed Preston, Doug Edge, and Judy Coleman

Councilmembers Absent: Sarah Omietanski, Jr. Council Person

Councilmembers Late: none

Others in Attendance: Secretary Dorothy Omietanski, Bob DeBias, Solicitor and Sean Thompson, Leck Inc.

Staff Absent: Kurt Ludwig, President Authority and William Wheeler, Fire Marshal

Call to Order: Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Leck: Mr. Thompson from Leck came to answer any questions council had regarding trash collection starting January 1, 2020. Council has reviewed the flyer that will be mailed to all residents. Council requested that a list of collection dates for 2020 be listed for the residents. Mr. Preston asked if Leck has recycle stickers that they can include in the mailing to residents. Mr. Thompson will look into the request and forward information to Ms. Omietanski. Mayor Mahon also stated she would include a smaller copy of the flyer in the newsletter.

Finance:

- Fire Tax – The fire tax has been a separate account since Harriet Black set up the account. Mr. Harris is recommending closing this account and transferring the funds to the General Fund.

Motion made by Mr. Harris and second by Mr. Mandolesi to close the Penn Community Fire Tax account and transfer the funds to the General Fund; motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.

- Budget Review – Mr. Harris would like to hire an auditor to review the Borough's budget and provide guidance regarding coding and savings accounts. Mr. Harris will try to provide a cost to do so at the December meeting.

Solicitor:

- Borough Magazine – Mr. DeBias brought to councils' attention an article in the Borough Magazine that discusses police department discharges. There is a supreme court case regarding two part-time police department employees who were let go without due process. There is a debate now as to whether part-time police are at will employees or do, they need due process when released from their job. Mr. DeBias recommended council to be aware of the matter and any future decisions.
- December Agenda – Mr. DeBias reminded council that they will need to adopt the budget, adopt a meeting schedule, approve October and November meeting minutes and decide on restriction of entrance on Green Street at the next council meeting.

Correspondence:

- Salt Cost – Middletown informed the Borough that the cost of salt this year will be \$48.50 per ton.

New Business:

- Funeral Saturday – Mr. Wheeler informed council that there is a very large event on Saturday at William Penn Fire Co, which will include fire trucks and police cars. They are expected a lot of traffic starting around 1pm.

Old Business:

- Green Street Guard Rail – R&S is scheduled to do the work on Green Street to install a guard rail. R&S expect to take 3 days to complete the work and the road will be closed during the day while the work is being completed.
- Property for Sale – A realtor reached out to Mr. Wheeler regarding property for sale that is currently owned by the Woodruffs.
- Black Property – Someone is interested in purchasing the Black Property to develop houses.
- Pavilion – Mr. Wheeler informed council that he will be sending half of the cost to build the pavilion to the company they selected to complete the work. He will be sending \$16,249.80.
- Water Issue McCarthy – Mr. Mandolesi talked to Tina Davis' office who reached out to Middletown township regarding the water issue on McCarthy. Tina Davis office told Mr. Mandolesi to reach out to Middletown's engineer and set up a meeting to discuss the matter. Mr. Mandolesi will set up a meeting and include Mr. Wheeler, Mayor Mahon, and Ms. Coleman.
- 150 Anniversary – There was a meeting to discuss the 150 anniversary and it was well attended. Mayor Mahon is encouraging all council persons to become involved in the planning of the events to celebrate the anniversary.
- Curb Inspection – Gilmore inspected the curbs along Main St. and Mr. Wheeler is waiting for a report regarding their findings.

- January Council Meeting – Mr. Wheeler suggested moving the first meeting of January to the 6th. Council agreed.
- Rent Increase – Ms. Coleman asked if letters have been sent to the renters regarding the \$50 increase starting January. Ms. Omietanski will draft letters for Mr. Wheeler to sign.

There being no further official business the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm; motion made by Mr. Mandolesi and seconded by Mr. Edge; carried 7-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski
Secretary Hulmeville Borough